

**Gibbs Room and Amidon Bowen, Week 1
December 10, 2007**

Due to a lack of participants from Amidon Bowen, both groups were combined into one room.

1. Top concerns.
 - a. Once Gibbs is closed, concerns about receiving schools.
Concerned that Miner and Watkins are already at capacity. Miner hasn't reached AYP. (Response: Stat given that Miner is at 87% capacity. Rule of thumb is half mile or less for walk ability which is how it's determined where kids will be going now.)
 - b. Feeder Patterns – elementary to high school. Previous pattern: Currently half go to Eliot and half go to Hine. Are they thinking about doing something similar as currently being done in Fairfax and Montgomery counties where the senior high school starts the feeder pattern so you can see where clusters going to school. (Response: there isn't a real plan other than technology programs to have feeder programs – not sure that's right.)
2. Additional Information:
 - a. Swing Space/Modernization – plans were in place to use Gibbs/Maury as a swing space during modernization. With space in the building, schools can swing within their own building. How will this impact us for modernization? Have other places been thought about for swing spaces?
 - b. Once the list of school closings have been finalized, will the new list and facilities plan be available for the public? (response: yes, the information will be readily available.)

Other Questions:

1. Who is responsible for getting the information to parents and public? Is it sent through the school? Will the State send it out?
2. What are the topics of the other meetings?